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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

BROADWAY THEATRE. Broadway, near Broome street.—"COLUMBIAN, OR NEW YORK IN 1887"—TEN VICTORIES.

NEW YORK THEATRE. Broadway, opposite New York Hotel.—"COLUMBIAN."

THEATRE FRANCAIS. Fourteenth street, near Sixth avenue.—"MARTIN SILENT."

RODOLPH HALL, 5th Broadway.—"THE NEW YORKER."

WILL PATRICK HIS MIRACLES.—"THE NEW YORKER."

CLINTON HALL, Astor place.—"THE NEW YORKER."

GRAN FANTASMA MINISTRELLI. 525 Broadway, opposite the Metropolitan Hotel.—"THE NEW YORKER."

FIFTH AVENUE OPERA HOUSE, No. 2 and 4 West Broadway.—"THE NEW YORKER."

KELLY & LEO'S MINISTRELLI. Broadway, opposite the New York Hotel.—"THE NEW YORKER."

TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE. 231 Broadway.—"THE NEW YORKER."

CHARLES WHITE'S COMBINATION TROUPE. at Broadway Hall, 22 Broadway.—"THE NEW YORKER."

MR. J. H. BOWMAN'S PARK THEATRE. Brooklyn.—"THE NEW YORKER."

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"THE NEW YORKER."

RODOLPH OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn.—"THE NEW YORKER."

BROOKLYN ATHLETIC.—"THE NEW YORKER."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Grand and Broadway.—"THE NEW YORKER."

NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY. 10 Broadway.—"THE NEW YORKER."

New York, Monday, December 31, 1886.

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THE ATLANTIC YACHT RACE.

Our news reports through the cable record the progress of the American yachtmen in England. On Friday they visited Oporto harbor, one of the Queen's residences, and were courteously entertained. In the evening they dined with Lord Lennox, Prince Alfred making one of the party. The municipal banquet given by the authorities of Oporto took place the same day. The grand banquet of the Royal Yacht Club was to come off on Saturday, and it was expected Sir John Simon would preside. The Henrietta was to sail today, December 31, for Havre, whither she goes by invitation of French yachtmen and American citizens. Only four men were aboard from the fleet. Seven others were swept overboard, but fortunately rescued.

The result of the yacht race was the universal topic of conversation throughout the city and vicinity yesterday. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher made a passing allusion to the great event in his sermon at Plymouth church, in Brooklyn, and the frequenters of all kinds of clubs passed the day in lively discussion on the subject. Considerable money is known to have been lost and won on the result. A description of the yacht and a short sketch of their captain are given in our columns this morning.

EUROPE.

The news report by the Atlantic cable is dated to Sunday, December 30.

The Eastern question is assuming a very serious aspect. Napoleon is said to have proposed to England, Austria and Italy to form a quadruple alliance, in view of approaching trouble in that quarter. Italy has addressed a firm note to Turkey on the subject of the steamship difficulty on the Canadian coast. The relations between Greece and Turkey are very critical, and England has addressed a note of warning to Greece concerning an invasion of Thessaly from the kingdom.

The United States iron-clad Mantoloking is at Gibraltar.

Prussia has ordered her officers at Bremen to arrest Prussian subjects seeking to emigrate to avoid military service.

Queen Isabella, it is said, will dissolve the Spanish Cortes.

The United States government, it is said, is treating Spain for the purchase of the Island of Minorca.

Serious riots occurred during the elections in Hungary. At one place the people were charged with cavalry, and a man was killed.

Congress closed at 30, at dividend, in London on the 29th inst. United States free-trades were at 72.

Cotton closed firm in Liverpool on the 29th inst. Midling New Orleans at fifteen pence. Breadstuffs were firm and unchanged on the 29th inst.

Our special dispatches and correspondence by mail contain interesting details of the cable reports to the end of December.

The cattle plague prevails to a fearful extent in Holland, the losses of stock by death exceeding those sustained by the farmers in England.

A complete summary of the legislative address drafted by the Hungarian members in Pesth, in reply to the Austrian emperor, is published.

From Rome we have a special report of the political situation existing in the city on the 27th of December. The writer did not perceive any signs of a revolutionary outbreak, and chronicles a very cordial outdoor reception of the Pope by the populace.

Our correspondent in Greece states that it is impossible for Russia to conceal the fact that she is making colossal and most extensive military preparations looking to war.

MISCELLANEOUS.

General Sherman arrived in Washington on Saturday night.

It is stated in Washington that Minister Campbell has received his instructions and is on his way to China.

The steamer Geoplygia is still grounded at Annapolis. The Don has been ordered to go in her place upon the secret mission, and it is now reported that General Grant is to accompany the expedition.

Our correspondent at the State capital gives an account of the situation there relative to the early reassembly of the Legislature and the expected lively contest for senator in place of Mr. Harris. Metropolitan affairs, it is thought, will be the subject of sweeping legislative action during the coming session, and a general onslaught on municipal institutions will be made. A letter from prominent New York merchants has been received by a member for presentation to the Senate on its assembling, which petitions for the expulsion of ex-Senator Commissioner Cornell from that body.

A petition to the State Legislature praying for the abolition of the constitutional amendment is in circulation throughout the city.

The religious services in the various churches yesterday were generally appropriate to the occasion as the last Sabbath of the old year. Rev. James B. Dunn delivered at Lyric Hall on Forty-seventh street, near Broadway, on the subject of "Wine at New Year."

Rev. G. C. Eray delivered a peculiarly touching and eloquent sermon on the "Legacy of the Dead Year," and Rev. Henry Blanchard preached on the "Uses and Abuses of the New Year." Rev. Charles B. Smyth lectured at the Everett Rooms, on "Hypocrisy in Churches," and the Rev. J. T. Becker at Irving Hall on "Luther and the Reformation."

The question of the power of the spirit to travel over seas, and report details of events to the body, was discussed yesterday by the select spiritualists. Several fantastic stories were told about the ability of men to be in several places at once, and the power of foretelling events while in a trance.

A debate respecting the "Moral Influence of Theatre" was had at the People's Meeting, No. 814 Broadway, yesterday. Many of the sentiments avowed by the speakers were shocking to Christian ears—the discussion for the most part being a tirade against religion. The church had but few defenders in the controversy. The debate will be continued on Sunday next.

John Gleason was stabbed and beaten so severely in Eighth avenue yesterday morning that he is not expected to recover. George Wilson was arrested charged with the crime.

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with the population of the dead, and two others, who are supposed to be his accomplices, are still at large.

A boy named Jacobus was arrested yesterday, charged with having a check for \$5,000 on the Fourth National Bank. He confessed his guilt and implicated two other boys, one of whom was arrested yesterday, and the detective are after the other. Over \$5,000 of the money was recovered.

Detective Richard Fields, of the Fifth precinct, succeeded on Saturday night in arresting Charles Jones, alias Bunker, alias Charley, the alleged murderer of the shoemaker in Thompson street, and his accomplice, Thomas Cook alias Sweeney, the "white man." It seems that the above officer arrested them on suspicion, having at the time a lamp in their custody which they had stolen after committing the murder. They were last evening handed over to the custody of the Eighth ward police by Captain Kelly to await the action of the coroner. Sweeney is said to have been just discharged from Blackwell's Island. Jones, the negro, is also charged with robbing a man of a gold watch not long since in West Broadway. Great credit is due Officer Fields for efficiency in the matter, they being in his custody within two hours after the murder.

A young lady, named Ellen Alcorn, was burned so badly by the explosion of fireworks oil, which she was pouring on the fire from a can, yesterday, in Brooklyn, that she died in two hours afterwards. Miss Annette L. Poulton also died yesterday, in this city, from the effects of burns by her clothes taking fire from the kitchen range. Both girls were sixteen years old.

The application made to Chief Justice Chase for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Dr. Mead, one of the assassination conspirators, now serving a life term on the Dry Tortugas, has been denied.

On the 23d instant a gang of Chinamen working on the Pacific Railroad, in California, was buried under a snow drift, and five of them perished.

The Atlantic Yacht Race—American Ships and Seamen.

The material facts of the late Atlantic yacht race may be briefly told. Three pleasure yachts, of some two hundred tons measurement, started together from Sandy Hook for the Isle of Wight at midday on the 11th of December. On the evening of Christmas day the first one reaches her destination, and within ten hours from her arrival the last one has come in. After the first day they have not been visible to each other during the voyage, each has sailed upon a different course, each has encountered heavy gales, and yet they all reach their goal nearly together, like well trained, sure footed and long winded Arabian horses in a race over the desert. These are the material facts of this trial of speed by our three New York yachts across the rough Atlantic in the hurricane month of December. The sweepstakes secured by the winner, it may be said, constitute a fact of some substantial weight; but this is a mere incident subject to the fortunes of war.

In this daring and successful adventure, then, of these three summer pleasure cruisers nothing more than a nine days' wonder, like a canoe race down the rapids of the St. Lawrence, or a balloon excursion skimming over the tops of the Alleghenies in the dark? Are we to set it down in this category, or is there something in it of practical value demonstrated and secured? We think that in this view it is a great event, marking a new chapter in maritime affairs hardly less distinct than that which may be dated from the iron-clad conflict in Hampton Roads between the rebel monster Merimian and that famous little cheese box on a raft, the Monitor. As for the daring of these gallant yachtmen, it had its more daring precedents in the adventures of the hardy North-ers to Greenland, in the experiment of Columbus, with his three little old fashioned tubs, to reach Asia by striking across an unknown ocean westward from Spain, and in the bold exploit of Magellan of first weathering the fearful straits which bear his name in a fishing smack. The Mayflower, from which in a stormy December were landed the Puritans of Plymouth Rock, and the Dove and the Ark, which brought the first Catholic colonists of Lord Baltimore to St. Mary's, were all small craft and so clumsily built that they had drifted for weeks at the mercy of the winds and waves. But still we say this ocean yacht race establishes a new landmark in the history of navigation.

The important fact that three little pleasure schooners have made the Atlantic trip from New York to Cowes in the time of the first astounding trip of the steamship Great Western must set shipbuilders, merchants and skippers, and naval architects wild, in both hemispheres to a serious application of the great result here attained in the matter of time. The work of Mr. W. Tooker, in his model of the Henrietta, and of her builder, Mr. Henry Steers; of the designer and builder of the Fleetwing, Mr. Joseph Van Deusen, and of the modeller and builder of the Vesta, Mr. Carril, stands approved as of the first quality. Next, in Captain Dayton, of the Vesta; Captain Thomas, of the Fleetwing, and Captain Samuels, of the Henrietta, and in their assistant officers and tried and experienced sailors, we have the proof of the superiority of American seamen and seamanship against all competitors. Trained to their work from the forecastle, these captains know the roads and the gales of the Atlantic as exactly as a New York belle knows the shops of Broadway or the windings of the Bowery. In truth, the American seamen on these yachts have exhibited the same high qualities in their noble calling which, only on a larger scale, were shown to the world by the invincible American tars in the memorable conflict of the Kearsarge with the Alabama.

The great change in British public opinion of this country and its people which this and other conflicts of our great war have brought about we see in the honors showered upon these yachtmen. We have conquered even the doubts and delusions of England, and John Bull welcomes Brother Jonathan as a chip of the old block. The good Queen, always our friend, has at last won her Cabinet to our side; and so those Alabama claims, Mr. Seward tell us, need not occasion the least alarm. And this is well for England, for just here comes in the most important hint suggested by this yacht race, to wit:—What will become of the commerce of England in the event of a rupture with this country, unless we have in advance a settlement of this Alabama question on the American doctrine of maritime belligerent rights? We believe that, as we can build and man sailing vessels so as to make the time of steamships, a war of twelve months with the United States would be more disastrous to England from such craft than the work of the Alabama a hundred times over. Such are among the practical teachings of this yacht race. But as England has turned from the offences of our late war to the courtesies and hospitalities of peace and friendship, let us hope that the influence of this yacht race will largely operate in behalf of the general interests of peace, and in widening the moral power of the great republic, its people and its institutions.

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